

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Reinscheid et al.  
Appl. No.: 10/531,659  
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Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS CODING FOR ADHESION FACTOR OF GROUP B  
STREPTOCOCCUS, ADHESION FACTORS OF GROUP B  
STREPTOCOCCUS AND FURTHER USES THEREOF  
Art Unit: 1645  
Examiner: L. TONGUE  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2008, imposing a Restriction Requirement in the above application, Applicant submits the present amendment and response. The present paper is timely filed, as it is being filed on April 4, 2008. No request for extension of time is deemed necessary. However, should an extension of time be required, please consider this paper to constitute a request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee associated therewith to Bell, Boyd & Lloyd Deposit Account #02-1818.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.